

Bachelor in Sociology - Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform
HBI University
Course Duration: 3 years
Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor in Sociology at HBI University provides students with the theoretical and practical tools to analyze social structures, understand cultural diversity, and engage in social policy research. This program equips students with the ability to address pressing social issues, influence public policy, and advocate for social justice.

The Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform enhances this degree by integrating religious and ethical principles into social advocacy, policy analysis, and faith-based activism. Students will explore the role of faith in social change and learn to apply Christian values to policy reform and community development.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in sociology
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Philosophy	3
GEN 105	Introduction to World Religions	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
GEN 108	Research Methods	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Cross-Cultural Communication	3

Core Sociology Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 202	Social Theories and Perspectives	3
SOC 203	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC 204	Social Institutions and Structures	3
SOC 205	Urban Sociology and Community Studies	3
SOC 206	Sociology of Religion and Faith	3
SOC 207	Social Policy and Public Welfare	3
SOC 208	Gender and Society	3
SOC 209	Criminal Justice and Social Reform	3
SOC 210	Sociology of Globalization	3
SOC 211	Social Research Methods and Data Analysis	3
SOC 212	Social Movements and Activism	3
SOC 213	Health and Society	3
SOC 214	Inequality and Social Stratification	3
SOC 215	Sociological Perspectives on Policy Change	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC 301	Sociology of Human Rights and Social Ethics	3
ELEC 302	Faith and Social Work in Communities	3
ELEC 303	Sociological Perspectives on Christian Social Teaching	3
ELEC 304	Religion and Public Policy Advocacy	3
ELEC 305	Faith-Based Community Engagement Strategies	3

Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FSC 401	Faith and Social Justice	3
FSC 402	Religion and Social Policy Reform	3
FSC 403	Faith-Based Approaches to Poverty and Inequality	3
FSC 404	Advocacy and Community Organizing in Faith-Based Settings	3
FSC 405	Ethical Leadership in Faith and Social Change	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project in Sociology allows students to apply social research methods, policy analysis, and faith-based advocacy strategies to pressing societal issues. Students will:

- Develop a faith-based community intervention project.
- Conduct research on the intersection of religion and social justice policy.
- Create a policy proposal for faith-driven social change initiatives.
- Present their findings through a research paper and strategic action plan.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Master sociological theories, research methods, and policy analysis.
- Integrate faith-based perspectives into social justice advocacy and public policy.
- Develop strategies for community engagement and faith-based activism.
- Utilize social research to assess and influence social policies.

- Lead nonprofit and public sector initiatives focused on ethical leadership and community empowerment.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Social Policy Analyst	\$55,000 - \$110,000
Faith-Based Community Organizer	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Public Policy Advocate	\$55,000 - \$115,000
Nonprofit Program Director	\$50,000 - \$110,000
Religious Social Worker	\$50,000 - \$100,000